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SUBJ: GOR ATTITUDE TOWARD ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT

1. UK EMB HAS HEARD FROM GERMAN EMB SOURCE THAT WHEN RUDIGER VON WECHMAR, VISITING FRG SECRETARY OF STATE AND PRESS SPOKESMAN, MET RECENTLY WITH GOR PRIME MINISTER MAURER (PRESUMABLY PUBLICIZED OCT 8 MEETING), LATTER TOOK TACK THAT ANYONE WHO BELIEVED ISRAELIS HAD STARTED CURRENT ME FIGHTING CANNOT KNOW WHAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT, SINCE WAR BROKE OUT ON JEWISH DAY OF ATONEMENT. MAURER REPORTEDLY SAID THAT JEWS WOULD NEVER START FIGHTING ON THAT DAY AND THEN WENT ON FOR SOME MINUTES ABOUT MEANING OF THAT DAY IN JEWISH RELIGION AND CULTURE. COMMENT: THIS REPORT ACCORDS WITH OUR GENERAL IMPRESSION, BASED ON PREVIOUS PRIVATE MAURER COMMENTS, THAT HE IS ONE OF GOR'S MORE PRO-ISRAELI FIGURES.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE LAST NIGHT, ACTING FOREIGN MIN VASILE GLIGA EVENHANDEDLY BLAMED NEITHER ARABS NOR ISRAELIS BUT
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ASCRIBED SITUATION TO COMPLEX HISTORY OF AREA AND VIOLENT EMOTIONS

ON BOTH SIDES. WHEN LOST TERRITORIES CAME UP (WHICH GLIGA WOULD HAVE ISRAEL GIVE UP AS PART OF GENERAL SETTLEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD GOR POSITION), HE READILY AGREED THAT 1967 WAR WAS PRIMARILY FAULT OF NASSER, NOT ISRAELIS.

3. UNSIGNED AUTHORITIVE SCINTEIA ARTICLE OCT 20 DESCRIBES RECENT SADAT DECLARATION AS "A BASE" FOR "CONCRETE ACTION" TO HALT ME FIGHTING AND BRING PEACE. OTHERWISE, ARTICLE REITERATES BALANCED GOR POSITION WITH HEAVY EMPHASIS ON URGENCY OF POLITICAL SOLUTION AND (IN IMPLICIT REFERENCE TO GREAT-POWER INVOLVEMENT) OF AVOIDING SPREAD OF CONFLICT LEST "ENTIRE COURSE TOWARD DETENTE AND COOPERATION BE IMPERILED."
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